

GM asks for \$6 million tax abatement

Saving more than 1,500 jobs in Romulus may cost nearly \$3 million in tax revenue during the next six years.

A request for a 12-year tax abatement from General Motors Corp. for machinery and equipment at the existing facility on Ecorse Road was presented to members of the Romulus City Council this week from the office of City Clerk Linda Choate.

Council members were expected to establish a date for a public hearing on the matter during the regular meeting Tuesday evening.

According to Julie Albert, city assessor, the application submitted by General Motors scored 50 points on the scale previously adopted for tax abatement requests. While abatements are not offered on personal property according to those guidelines, the city council reserves the right to deviate from or waive any of the guidelines in

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awarding or denying such a request.

Albert also noted that the 50 point score would allow for only a six-year abatement, rather than the 12-year term requested. The abatement would reduce taxes at the facility by \$497,900 annually, based on the current millage rates.

The total project cost listed by General Motors on the application is \$38,625,000. Based on the costs submitted, the annual property taxes for the project would be

\$197,500 in city taxes, \$672,400 in school tax and \$241,800 in county tax. If the abatement were granted, those fees would be reduced to \$98,800 in city taxes, \$394,100 in school tax and \$120,900 in county tax.

The application was presented to the city May 13 along with the \$1,000 required application fee.

General Motors requested the 12-year abatement along with a three-year construction term. If accepted as presented, the expiration for the tax break would be Dec. 30, 2018.

The abatement is for the proposed purchase of new machinery and equipment for the manufacture of new Generation IV V-8 engines at the plant.

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Scott Snook (right) painstakingly rebuilt a 1954 Minneapolis Moline tractor that his grandfather used on his farm in Iowa. Snook, a Romulus resident, promised his family he would rebuild the tractor and use it the farm he will soon move to near Dundee.

Handy man

Romulus resident rebuilds family heirloom

Scott Spielman
Editor

Romulus resident Scott Snook recently put a piece of his childhood back together – literally.

It stands nearly 6 feet tall and weighs more than 6,000 pounds from the bright orange grill to the gigantic, liquid-filled tires.

It roars to life with a concussive blast that rattles windowpanes and eardrums – at least until Snook can back the 3 ton piece of solid nostalgia out his garage and affix a muffler to its top.

It's a familiar sound in his residential neighborhood; that tell-tale thunder is a sure sign that he's brought his grandfather's tractor out for another spin

around the block.

Snook rescued the 1954 Minneapolis-Moline tractor from the field where it sat, rusting, since his grandfather died in 1981. It was a vow he made to the rest of his family, that he would one day drive down to the farm, pick it up, and return it to running – if not entirely like new – condition.

The dream started to take shape in October, when he was finally able to retrieve the antique tractor from the Iowa farm. Even that initial step had a few obstacles to overcome.

"I wasn't quite prepared for it," he said. "It wouldn't fit on the trailer I brought down there for it."

A trip to a nearby family mem-

ber's home solved that problem, and his Dodge pickup truck was up to the task of hauling the machine nearly 1,000 miles to his Romulus home.

Then the real work began.

Snook said he had to do plenty of research to find parts for the tractor, which was produced by a long-defunct company. He started with local tractor supply shops and eventually located the parts that could be found to the machine, which was long out of production.

Other parts, he made himself. The shock beneath the pumpkin-orange seat, for instance, started life as a shock for an automobile. Snook cut a portion of it off and

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Officials keep an eye on new 'Racino' plan

Scott Spielman
Editor

Despite objections from owners of three casinos in downtown Detroit and concern from local officials, the Michigan House of Representatives voted last week to allow video lottery terminals at Michigan racetracks.

The package of bills allows for the placement of more than 500 terminals at racetracks and sets up penalties for criminal violations as well as allows for casinos to allow off track wagering on horse racing.

The bills, long discussed by the legislature, are designed with a dual purpose: to gather more revenue for a budget-strapped state and to help an ailing horse racing industry.

They also drew some concern from officials in the City of Romulus, whose community may host one of the first new race-track construction projects in recent memory.

"It's something we're paying attention to," said Timothy Keyes, economic development director for Romulus. "Obviously, it will have an impact on us if the project goes forward."

The project is a racetrack and clubhouse proposed by Magna Entertainment group, according to Keyes. Set on 225 acres of land at the corner of Vining and Wick roads, the track is still in the early design phases, according to Keyes.

"They haven't submitted plans for the project yet," he said. "We're working with them to get them through the process."

The land at the site is zoned for a regional center, but the racetrack would be developed through a Planned Development District (PDD), which would give

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Timothy Keyes

city planners more control over the aesthetics. Keyes said he expected some form of preliminary plan on the project within two weeks.

The concept of video lottery terminals, which would change the scope of the project, have only been mentioned in passing during the recent meetings he's had with Magna Entertainment, he said.

"We're mostly dealing with the design and development guys right now," he said. "It's not something they're involved in."

He said if the video terminals are a part of the project, he anticipates working with the developer in a way to minimize whatever impact they may have.

"They've been very willing to sit down and work with us so far," Keyes said. "It'll really help both parties."

The bills have drawn some ire because they may dramatically change small communities like the City of Northville, which hosts Northville Downs.

"I'm disappointed," said Northville City Manager Gary Word after he heard the package of bills was approved. They now head to the state senate. "But our concerns are not over. We still have the senate and the governor

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Local officials still doubt new transit system

Bryon Martin
Staff Writer

While it is clear that the proposed transit agency known as DARTA will likely be the product of a local agreement, it is not clear that such provenance will make it any more popular with skeptical officials in western Wayne County.

The agreement signed Thursday by representatives from Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties and the City of Detroit would coordinate existing transportation services using existing laws, rather than by relying on state lawmakers to pass new legislation.

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, Oakland County Executive Brooks Patterson, Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and Macomb County Commission Chair Nancy White — who collectively comprise the Regional Transportation Coordinating Council — voted to create DARTA through the Urban Cooperation Act and the Intergovernmental Transfer of Functions and Responsibilities Act.

Though still in a preliminary stage, the agreement does not appear to address many of the concerns about service, funding and management expressed by leaders from Belleville, Canton Township, Plymouth and Westland.

"We're not to that stage yet,"

Ficano said. "The next step is going to be about timelines" for getting DARTA off the ground.

Approval from the Detroit City Council and the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transit (SMART) are still necessary to finalize the DARTA agreement.

Once approved, DARTA would serve passengers in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Monroe counties.

Specific details about the nature and extent of DARTA services are still months or years away, according to Ficano, as is the composition of the body that will govern DARTA.

"It'd be a regional plan and we're looking for the (governing) board to take a regional approach," he said.

But Ficano said the new transit agency would be a good thing for western Wayne County.

"Most of the communities in Western Wayne should be concerned about this," he said Friday. "We're going to make sure their interests are represented."

One such interest is in attracting new business, according to Ficano.

He said growth in the number of high-tech business in western Wayne will depend in part upon having transit to move workers.

"The new jobs coming will be along I-94 and I-275," he said. "Part of that (growth) means getting people to those jobs. So the

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companies that are coming in and locating here are looking at (the availability of) public transit."

Belleville, Canton, the Plymouths, the Northvilles and Westland each opted out of the SMART bus system years ago, along with the layer of taxation that funds it.

Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincok, Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack, Westland Mayor Sandra Cicerelli and Belleville City Manager Steven Walters have each said they have the same misgivings about DARTA that they had about the SMART system.

Chief among those concerns are the source funding; the design of bus routes and schedules; whether there are enough prospective riders in those communities to warrant participation in such a regional arrangement and the ability to opt-out of the system.

The agreement does allay some of those fears: as proposed, DARTA would have no authority to tax local governments or resi-

dents without their consent.

It would, however, qualify for some \$1 million in start-up funds from the federal government, according to Ficano.

Those funds appeared to be in jeopardy, as the deadline to qualify for them approached and the state-law version of DARTA legislation foundered for lack of support.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm, a vocal advocate for DARTA, helped orchestrate the county-based agreement signed last week.

Creating DARTA in this way provided supporters with a means for flanking foes in Lansing who had stymied the state-version by watering down the authority DARTA would have.

Ficano described the maneu-

ver as a success.

"I think that finding an alternative way to get this done shows leadership by the governor," Ficano said Friday.

Before last week, the strongest version of legislation to create DARTA was vetoed in 2002 by then-Governor John Engler on his last day in office.

A subsequent version of the package introduced earlier this year included provisions that allowed communities to opt-out of the authority.

DARTA supporters said the opt-out eviscerated the regional support necessary to make it work.

The package had been drifting without an advocate to move it since February, when the opt-out amendments were added.



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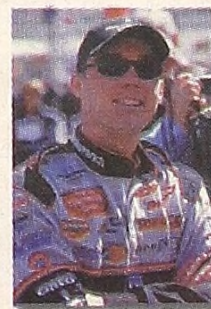
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School officials honored by Wayne County educators

It was a lesson in grace under pressure. Or perhaps, the show must go on.

When a minor medical emergency delayed the awards presentation at the Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA) ceremonies last month, the Romulus Senior High School Jazz Trio and Jazz Band were thrown center stage.

While the music groups, under the direction of Henry James, were prepared to entertain as background music during the hour-long event, the members had not expected to be in the spotlight. They found themselves in the position of having to fill in the awkward silences and confusion surrounding the 15 minutes or so until the emergency was declared a minor inconvenience.

According to Romulus Superintendent of Schools, the young people handled the situation well.

"We received many favorable comments from guests about both the number of awards accorded the Romulus schools and the outstanding performance of our jazz groups," Carr said.

And there were quite a few Romulus educators celebrating awards during the evening.

Among those enjoying recognition of

their efforts during the annual Educational Excellence Awards Ceremony were four educators from the Romulus Community Schools honored for their individual efforts.

Linda Goulette, the Romulus Teacher of the Year, was also honored as one of the RESA Outstanding Teacher of the Year finalists. District technology director Linda Cook was recognized for her excellence in developing instructional resources that enhance and support teaching and learning.

Also selected for honors was Romulus Middle School science department head Sharon Grandell. She was awarded a certificate of distinction for her corporate work with General Motors Co and the Friends of the Rouge environmental project.

Romulus Senior High School guidance counselor Jim Orme was lauded by Eastern Michigan University and presented with an Exceptional Educational Leadership Award for his work encouraging Romulus students to attend colleges and universities.

Barth Elementary School was accorded recognition at the event for winning a second consecutive State of Michigan



Romulus Middle School science department head Sharon Grandell, left, was honored as a corporate educator for her work with General Motors Corp. and the Friends of the Rouge environmental group during the recent Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency Awards. Helping her celebrate are her mother, June Reams, Romulus technology department head honoree Linda Cook and Merriman School Principal Suellie Moore.

Golden Apple Award.

Carr said he was "very proud" of the

accomplishments and achievements of all the Romulus honorees and participants.



Romulus senior citizens and senior class members volunteered as jurors, witnesses and attorneys during mock trials at the 34th District Court early this month. Among those taking part in one jury were, above, Dolores Nowlin, front row, from left, Doris Mackie, and Dorothy Wold. In the back row from left are Bettye Martin, Parlie Dupree, Wanetta Walker and Lillian Zundel.

Students, seniors hold court on Law Day

It wasn't quite like TV.

Everything wasn't crystal clear, the legal system was the star and the cases didn't have a prearranged outcome.

There were, however, twists and turns, and lots of conflicting evidence and testimony. Early this month when the 34th District Court celebrated Law Day, mock trials in three of the courtrooms were judged by an intergenerational jury comprising high school seniors and senior citizen volunteers.

Romulus High School seniors from teacher Rod Hanna's American Government class participated in the mock trials, acting as judges, jurors, attorneys and witnesses.

Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green, Judge Brian A. Oakley and Judge David M. Parrott sat on the bench next to the student judges during the mock trials in their courtrooms, and took the cases very seriously. Oakley's instructions on courtroom protocol struck a chord with 17-year-old Patrick Webb.

Webb confessed to being fascinated by the entire proceeding.

"I am looking forward to

becoming a police officer," Webb said. "It's a lot of fun, however, seeing what goes on behind the bench."

The "jurors" listened to local attorneys who had volunteered their time portray both the defense and prosecution in the cases. On hand to lend an air of authenticity to the legal dramas were local attorneys Tom White and Steve Robinson.

In one case, a senior citizens' bus was observed weaving and crossing the centerline on Haggerty Road north of I-94 traveling into Romulus.

Witnesses, portrayed by senior citizen volunteers from the Romulus Senior Center, and student police officers testified and were cross-examined before the case was sent to the jury for their decision in the matter.

The hapless defendant escaped punishment from the jury members—the actual driver of the bus could not be determined beyond a reasonable doubt.

Antoinette Nelson, a Romulus High School student, said she enjoyed the experience.

"It's neat being right in the

courtroom and not watching it on Court TV," Nelson said. According to Romulus Senior Citizen Coordinator Linda Norman, young people do better in school and in general when they have the influence of a senior citizen in their lives.

Norman said she became aware of this when attending a seminar in Lansing several years ago.

She and Police Community Liaison Officer Tom Ellis developed the mock trial celebration of Law Day about six years ago in an effort to provide a look at the legal system and the other end of the age spectrum for participants.

The pair took their idea for the mock trials to Brooks Green and Oakley, who was then an attorney, and they helped begin the program at the court.

Norman said one of the most enjoyable aspects of the program is watching the high school students enjoy the off the cuff quips of the senior citizens on the witness stand.

"They come up with some really funny, ad-lib answers to the attorneys," Norman said.

Track- Bills could be big gamble

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to work with."

Word and other city officials have been concerned because the new machines might mean in influx of people to Northville Downs that the city is not capable of handling, without providing the funding for additional police officers.

The city, like other communities that host a race track, received money from the race track in the form of breakage revenue, which is the loose change rounded down when wagers are paid off.

That money, which in part compensates for the lower rate at which racetracks are taxed, goes right from the track to the city, he said. Additional revenues from video lottery machines would go to Lansing.

Mayor Christopher Johnson said that, at the least, he hoped that the voters of the affected municipalities would get to approve or reject the installation of machines that would turn

racetracks into 'racinos.'

He said he is not in favor of the change, at all, though, and believes the foundation of the idea is unsound.

"If you turn the racetrack into a casino in order to save the racetrack, they you're not really saving the racetrack," he said.

Word said any additional customers at the track wouldn't necessarily translate into more business for city shops, either.

"It's a destination spot," he said. "It's a self-contained entertainment center. People don't go into town to shop or eat."

"It would entirely change the character of our community," Johnson said.

The idea that the additional gambling locations would help the budget situation was probably inaccurate as well. He said it would only draw customers from casinos in places like Detroit or Mt. Pleasant. It wouldn't necessarily create more revenue.

"Ultimately, you don't gamble yourself out of a recession," he said.

Tractor - Man gives life to machine

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affixed it in place. He also replaced the six-volt electrical system with a 12-volt system to provide a little more spark.

"It gives it a lot more juice," he said.

Items like the headlight required just as much creativity. He had the original cases for them, but no adequate bulb to go in them. Once again he turned to the automotive world for halogen headlights, which he jimmied into place.

"I tried to keep a lot of it as original as I could," Snook said.

He would often work on the tractor as late as 10 p.m. in the evening, and guessed that he put

about 200 hours into the renovation. But it was worth it, he said, to spark the memories of visiting the farm of his grandfather, Charles Lee Snook.

"When we went back to the farm to see him, he'd always take us out on hayrides," Snook said. "It's got a lot of sentimental value, rather than monetary value."

He said the tractor would find more use when he moves to a farm near Dundee. He's packing for that right now. He said he looks forward to the open space out there and driving it around with his own son, Dean.

"He'll be the third generation to drive it," he said.

Alumni association presents scholarships

Scott Spielman
Editor

Amanda Dewyer and Deidra Gosline became the two most recent recipients of Wayne High School Alumni Association scholarships.

The two seniors, who each have a grade point average higher than 4.0, received their awards at the annual Alumni Reunion Banquet last week, according to Kathy (Quinn) Hayes, president elect of the Alumni Association.

"It was a really nice event," she said. "Everyone had a good time."

More than 400 Wayne High School graduates and their guests attended the class reunion banquet, which took place May 16 at Roma Hall.

The event was dedicated to the president of the association, Frank McMurray, a Wayne graduate of 1957 who recently died.

Mr. McMurray was nominated to be president of the group last June, according to Hayes. He had taken on the task of getting the group more organized and more in tune with the technological age.

"He had us going in the right direction," Hayes said. "He was getting everything organized."

The event last Friday had several guests of honor, including the two scholarship winners. Dewyer is graduating with a 4.14 GPA. She received an academic letter in each of her years at Wayne Memorial and was featured on the "Brightest and Best" program sponsored by Channel 7. She was active in the drama and French clubs, the National Honor Society and the Girl Scouts, where she earned a silver award.

She will attend the University of Michigan and major in French and political science. She said she wants to become an international lawyer. Her father graduated from Wayne High School in 1978.

Gosline will graduate with a 4.09 GPA. She also has received an academic letter in each of her years at Wayne Memorial. She was awarded outstanding achievement in Spanish and molecular biology. She also received All Academic awards in basket-

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President elect,
Alumni Association

ball and softball and was a finalist in the Wayne-Westland Junior Miss competition.

He school activities included the student senate, the National Honor Society, the Spanish Club and Upward Bound. She said she wants to become a pharmacist and will attend Wayne State University in the fall.

Scholarship winners are chosen on the basis of their grades, community service projects and leadership skills.

They'll each receive a \$1,000 scholarship, according to Hayes.

"It's renewable, as long as they get a 3.0 grade point in college," she said.

Hayes said the Alumni Association paid special tribute to the graduates of 1953, many of whom were in attendance. Forty-two 1953 graduates were there.

The most senior members of the clan - Terry Worden and Howard Medaugh - graduated in 1930. They each received a boutonniere. There were also five graduates from the class of 1933, including Camilla Husted



Members of the Wayne High School Alumni Association Scholarship Foundation Executive Board include Bob Wallace, from left, Kathy Hayes, Don Boyes, Terri Grzecki, T.C. Wilmot, Lloyd Solarz and Tillie VanSickle.

Babcock, Bernadette Kehr Carrico, Ida McPhee Hutchings, Elizabeth Disbro Kidwell and Eleanor Hacker Robertson.

The Wayne High School Alumni Association is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit with a long history, according to Hayes, a 1962 graduate.

The association existed informally in the late 1890s flourished intermittently until the start of World War II, she said.

It really got organized when the class of 1930 met to plan their 50 year reunion, a thought that caught on and became the backbone of the Alumni Association in 1984.

The association awarded its first scholarship in 1986. Nancy Kwilas was the first recipient of the then-\$500 a year scholarship. It was increased to \$1,000 per year in 1997 and the program was

expanded to include two recipients in 2001. The scholarships are funded through donations.

"Everyone has been very generous in their donations," Hayes said.

The association is working toward a goal that would provide a set endowment for the scholarships, she said. That way the

principal in the endowment would generate enough interest to pay the scholarships every year.

"Then it'll be ongoing and we won't have to fund raise every year," she said.

For more information on the association, visit the web site at www.waynehighalumni.com.

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Auction slated at former Bathey plant

Bryon Martin
Staff Writer

For area manufacturers, it will be a chance to pick up used equipment at a bargain; for local officials, it'll be a bit of spring cleaning.

Auctioneers will visit the City of Plymouth next week to sell off machinery and manufacturing accessories left behind at the vacant industrial site known as the Bathey property.

The auction will happen at 9 a.m. Wednesday on site in the BMC building.

Paul Sincok, chief administrator for the City of Plymouth, which owns the site, said the auction could help clear out clutter left behind by the previous owners and make the buildings more attractive to would-be buyers.

Efforts to secure suitors for the site continued there last week, where Sincok took a prospective purchaser on a tour of the site.

"We've got 34 interested parties," he said. "The list includes most of the names you'd expect, from major companies to little guys."

That list included developers such as Grubb & Ellis, Joseph Freed, Commercial Real Estate Services, Signature & Associates and Pulte Homes, according to Sincok.

Once sold the property would enter the city tax rolls, generating revenue after some 30 years of tax delinquency by the former owners.

Sincok said he remains hopeful that

the city will find a buyer for the property sometime within the next few months.

"We'd like to close a deal by end of calendar year," he said. "We're continuing on that path."

Sincok said the list of prospective buyers to drop closer to 10 once the city mails out requests for qualifications.

"Requests will go out by the first of week," he said Friday. "We should hear back within the next three weeks."

The city requires buyers to demonstrate what financial backing they have to make good on their offers.

City administrators will reduce the list of 34 to about 10 based on responses to the request, according to Sincok.

He said he would present a winnowed list of buyers to the city commission members, who will select a buyer from that list based on the size of the bid, not the type of development proposed.

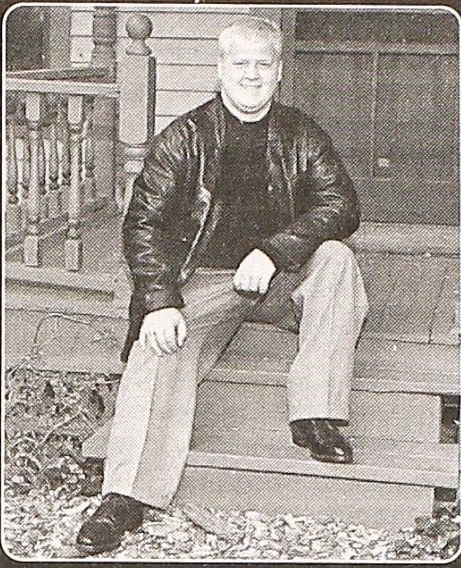
"We're not doing their planning," Sincok said. "We (want to know) what kind of assurances can you give us? What are you willing to sign for on the dotted line?"

Sincok said the city attorney is providing the commission with advice on how much to ask for the property.

Items up for bids during the Wednesday auction will include welded wire mesh containers, small parts handling and storage system equipment, frame presses, roll forming, wire, fabricating, welding, finishing and painting equipment.

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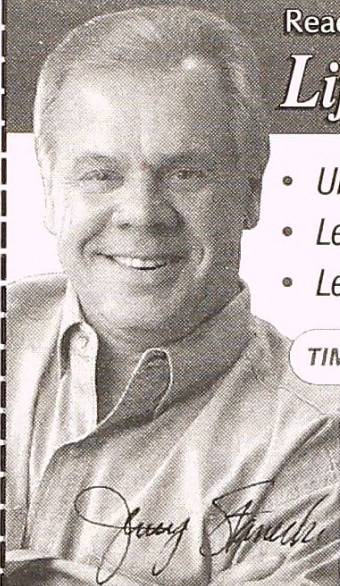
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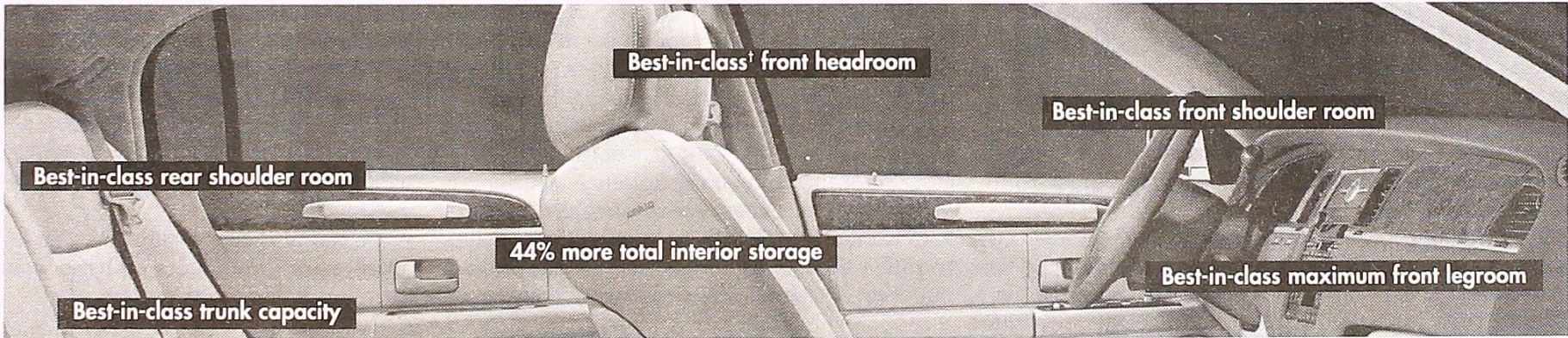
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OPINION

Take a second look

A number of community leaders, business owners, residents and general curiosity-seekers took part in a discussion last night about the formation of a Plymouth Township Business Association, a group that would promote the retail, professional, residential and industrial sector of the Plymouth Township community.

The letter that called these residents, business owners, leaders and curiosity-seekers together said the idea came from an increased sense of pride in the township. It extolled an activist approach to recreation taken by the current administration, increased cooperation with the schools and a willingness to break out of the mold with the establishment of an Ann Arbor Road Development Authority. It talked about a network created to promote commerce, industry and the community as a whole, because it was important not just to the township, but to the City of Plymouth as well.

Those are bold statements and laudable goals.

But before we sign on to such a proposal, there are a few questions we would want answered. We would want to ascertain that the people behind this effort have the best interests of the community in mind, not just Plymouth Township. We would want them to show a record of proven accomplishments, reliability, trustworthiness and success and the ability, like all effective chambers of commerce, to stay out of local politicking.

There is evidence that our concerns are justified. The five reasons stated in the letter seem more antagonistic toward the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce—an organization it claims is oriented more toward the central business district of the City of Plymouth than the entire community—than to the promotion of the township and its firms.

The networking opportunities for retail owners, the marketing and promotion of restaurants, the "Shop Plymouth" campaign and the marketing of the research and industrial parks are open to all firms in the Plymouth community because Fran Toney, the executive director of Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, is not one to shoot down a potential member or a good idea. It doesn't make sense to fault an organization for the individuals or businesses that don't choose to be a part of it.

Perhaps this exercise will open up new ideas for the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, which has in the past reached out to the different business neighborhoods in the community, putting on a separate business exposition for the Old Village area, and working with firms on the township and city border on information campaigns on issues of their mutual interest. We suspect that may be a more effective goal and a better ideal, improving the "community" in the community chamber of commerce.

Something to celebrate

When the students who won the national championship in the Build Your Dream Vehicle Competition arrived at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center last Wednesday, they arrived in a limousine, to a balloon and banner-filled entrance, accompanied by a brass band.

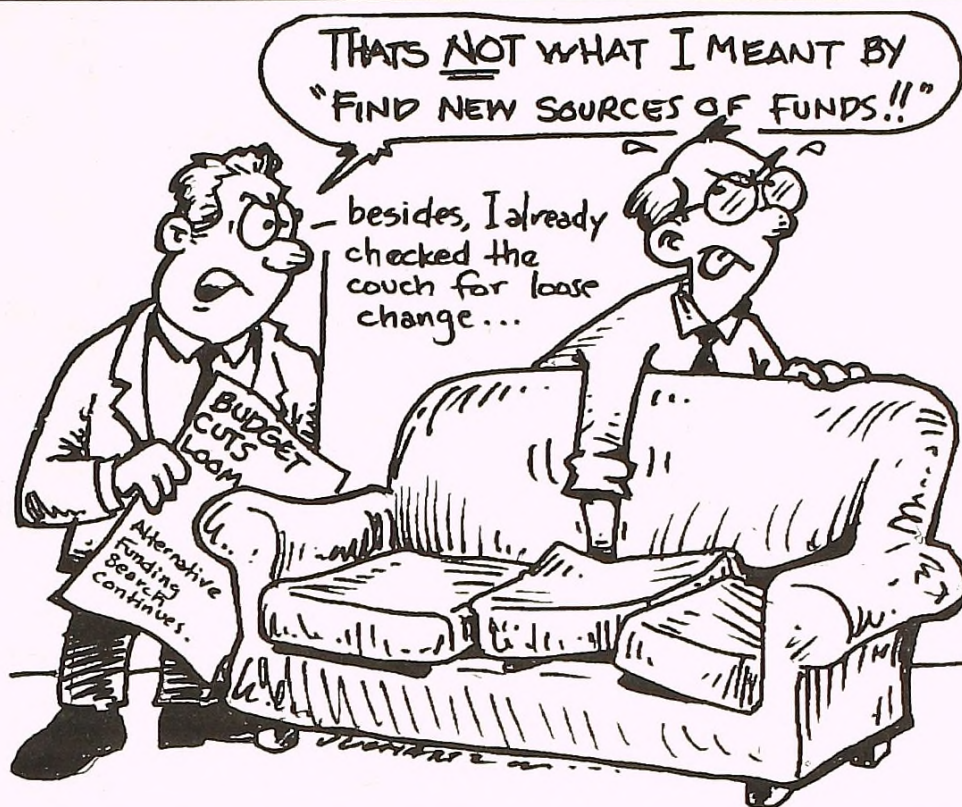
It was no more than they deserved.

Their accomplishment is one that cannot be adequately summed up in words, played in a song or demonstrated in a handshake.

This collection of students—which, in some ways included the contributions of nearly every curriculum in the technical center—eventually came out on top of school districts with more money, more class time dedicated to the program, perhaps even more eloquent speakers.

It's a testament not only to the students and the course themselves,

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Not as easy as it sounds

Slowly, officials, residents, business owners and students in the City of Wayne are pulling together to fund a fireworks display.

They've raised about \$12,000 so far—after a community passing of the hat at the last council meeting, and a \$750 donation from Coquillard, Dundon Peterson and Argenta (CDPA) the architectural firm that designed the new police station.

Even though the donations continue to pour or trickle in—and it's not too late to toss extra change or a spare dollar into a can—there's one group of people that probably won't donate as much as was asked of them last Tuesday: Wayne police and fire departments.

The \$12,000 donated so far would fund a full fireworks display, on its own, but it doesn't take into account the payroll for keeping the streets open and safe and the firefighters who ensure that no one gets hurt. It's the second largest expense of the event, behind the actual pyrotechnics display itself.

I admit it, I had the same thought as I tossed my last \$4 into the can at the meeting. Why couldn't they donate their time? At first it seemed like an obvious answer. After all, it would be the very essence of the community policing that departments like to talk about now. Here are a bunch of hard working people who are also willing to volunteer their time to help promote a popular community event. It'd be the dream scenario for any public

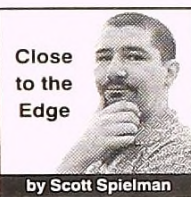
relations specialist.

I wasn't the only one who had the thought, either—several people behind me muttered it. It was cranky old Cliff Johnson, though, who belted out the question to the council. Maybe that's why the suggestion was met with a flat, blank stare from the council, I thought.

The truth is that as nice as it sounds to have a large chunk of the police and fire force volunteer their time, it won't happen. The fireworks night is arguably one of the busiest for the city—Chief Mike Sumeracki said that no one on the force gets the day off—but that's only one reason a donation of time wouldn't work. The city would get into several types of tricky legal and liability questions, collective bargaining unit agreements and what not—the bone behind the flesh of the Rockwellian vision of small town public safety departments going above and beyond to save a favorite event.

But those of us who have contributed to the fireworks can take solace in the fact that there will be a display this year. It may not be as large as in the past, it may not be synchronized to music, but it will light up the sky with a show of patriotism for all that.

We can also take comfort that the many police officers and firefighters on hand would donate their time if they could.



Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

A quiet discussion among men

"How does a man pray?" My friend asked. "How do you pray; to what or whom?"

It was an interesting question from a complex man—a question that challenges. Men and prayer?

"For me," I said, "at different times in my life, I've prayed in different ways. For example: 'Please God get me out of this one and I'll never, ever do it again.'"

"That prayer, I know," my friend said laughing.

Sometimes being a man gets in the way of prayer. You know, the macho "don't need anybody" thing. But then, prayer is like crying and it takes a secure man to be comfortable with both.

Prayer for a lot of us is simply the act of humbling ourselves to a greater power than us. Daily, it's a simple prayer to understand God's will for us, and that harmful willfulness of self is replaced with understanding.

I pray for trust and fearlessness, for even the simplest of fears steals happiness. I ask that fear be replaced with faith.

Some days, I'll pause and just stand silently outside and listen. Distant sounds of traffic disappear as closer sounds like birds and wind drown out the outer noise. A cardinal calls and a troubled mind is

quieted. The wind sings a song of power and peace and wind chimes spring into dance, and my spinning mind is distracted, reminding me to be more gentle, to feel calm.

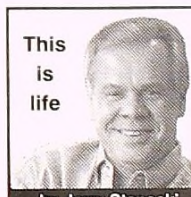
Sometimes, on winter nights, standing on the back deck brings awe of the stars so brilliant, so clear, so bright. Stars that remind me of how insignificant I am in the play of the universe. Suddenly, the smell of a wood fire brings a safe feeling, a feeling of peace and I am grateful. Always, I am grateful.

At times, my prayer is short and to the point...at times even desperate. "God help me, God help me, God help me." Over and over I say it to stop the negative whirling of a maddening and obsessive magic magnifying mind.

I've often written about how expectations almost always bring disappointment. The same goes for prayer: If I expect God to fix my problems, I'm setting myself up for a fall. If I ask for help, guidance, then I have to be available and open to do the work.

There's nothing special about the way I pray, yet,

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This is life

by Jerry Stanecki

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LETTERS

Garden club thanks participants for efforts

To the editor:

The Belleville Area Garden Club sponsored their first community event, The Arbor Day and Earth Day Celebration, at Victory Station on April 26.

We had tons of fun, met lots of new people, shared many new ideas and some pretty good old ones, and gave away a lot of trees—the redbuds are gone.

On behalf of the Belleville Area Garden club, we would like to thank the following groups or individuals for their help and support inputting together our first event. We couldn't have done it without:

Mayor Thomas Fielder for signing the proclamation recognizing Arbor Day and the city council for their unanimous vote supporting this proclamation.

The City of Belleville for the use of Victory Station.

The Wayne County Master Gardener Association for information and handouts for the public.

Kevin Sayers of the Department of Natural Resources for his invaluable assistance and pamphlets.

Tina Schweitzer at National Arbor Day Foundation for her assistance and brochures.

Heather Connor from the

Belleville Enterprise, Rosemary from the Independent and William from The View for dropping in to cover this event and the editors of all three papers for their coverage and support in getting the word and about this event over the course of the last month—many thanks and bid warm hugs to all.

Garden Fantasy for loaning us the plants for the butterfly and hummingbird gardening talk and the tree for the tree planting demonstration.

The family of Bob Doane for the donation of crocus and daffodil bulbs that were distributed to the public—little bits of Bob are now spreading beauty and cheer all over this community.

Jane Kovach for the artist supplies.

Kay Atkins and Saranda Pierson for signs.

Jeff Dudick, Sara Farris, Joe Kaschynyc, Jessica Lowenburg, Justin Pierson, Saranda Pierson and John Twigg for their assistance with the children's coloring and planning booths, inviting kids from the playground, moving supplies and filling in when things got hectic. Not many teenagers would spend a sunny Saturday doing this when there's a skate park half a mile away and they're supposed to be at band practice for their show in two

weeks (Joe, Jeff, John—good luck at the Wired Frog.)

The ladies of the garden club for donating the 100 trees for this event.

The adults who came to this event with interest, questions and a desire to learn and the children in whom we hope to have planted the seeds of interest in nature, growing flowers and trees, and on a side note, they sure got a kick out of the worm farm.

Most of all, my Arbor Day co-chair, Rena Xuereb. She was an invaluable source of support and ideas; this is the third time she has voluntarily assisted in an endeavor of this nature (America in Bloom and the formation of the garden club were the other two for those who are keeping track). I wouldn't have had the nerve to try to do these things on my own, but with her at my back I know we can accomplish all of this and maybe even more.

I hope no one has been missed, all assistance was truly and greatly appreciated.

Plans are already in the works for next year's event (more redbud, fewer white pine). Good luck with your trees and we'll want an update when we see you next year.

Michele Gibson-Pierson,
Belleville

Schools

FROM PAGE 6

but to the turnaround shown by the Wayne-Westland Community School District.

It comes at the right time for the district, too. Soon many students will graduate from high school, enter college or 'the real world' and they face an uncertain future in a period of economic stagnancy.

The students here can be certain, though, that they will meet these challenges head on be-

cause of the quality of the curriculum they followed and the teachers that taught it.

Part of School Superintendent Greg Baracy's job is to promote the district and the programs it puts on, to tell the public that the Wayne Westland school district is among the top in the state.

We know that, but we still think he concisely made the right point when he said it shows that Wayne Westland students can compete with any students throughout the nation.

And that's something worth celebrating.

Prayer

FROM PAGE 6

it's very special because it brings relief of self. A chance to break my willful, not always good-for-me ways. It offers a chance to change my thinking, to choose a different way of dealing with what's happened at that moment in life today.

"Prayer centers me," I told my friend, "and all those scenes I shared with you are always there, always available to recall at a moments notice, to calm, to relax, to soothe."

My friend, who's a judge,

looked at me. "About a month ago," he said, "I was driving in the car. All of a sudden—it was crazy—I looked around to be sure no one was watching and I snuck in a prayer. It was the first time in years, and it felt pretty good."

He started laughing, I joined in.

It's progress that feeds the soul, not perfection.

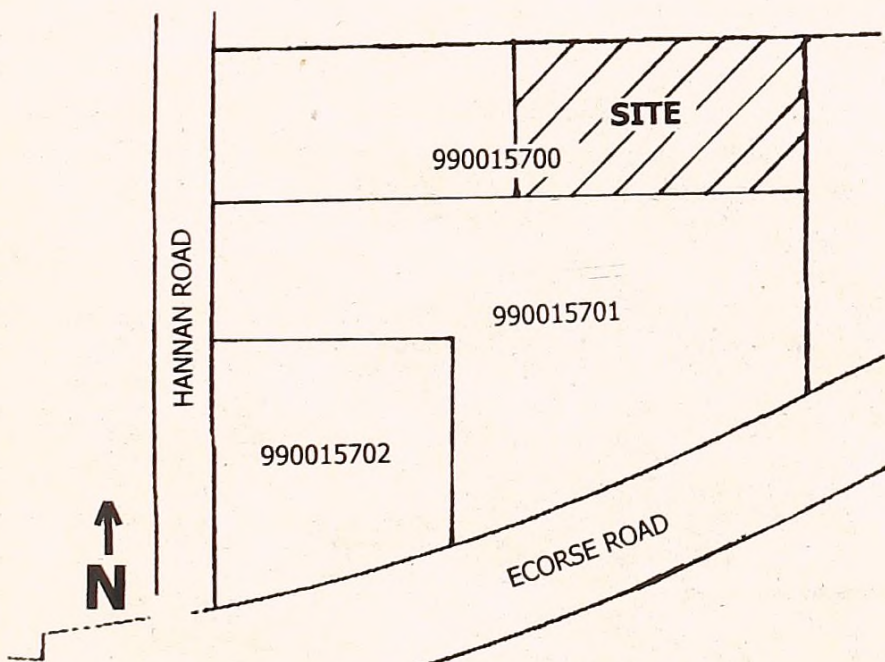
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The Planning Commission has set the public hearing to consider a request to amend the zoning of the easterly 389.00 feet of parcel DP# 026-99-0015-700 located on the east side of Hannan Road north of Ecorse Road from C-2 General Business to RMH, Residential Manufactured Home District. Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.



All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Monday, June 16, 2003 and should be addressed to Cynthia I. Lyon, AICP, City Planner, Economic Development Department, 11111 Wayne, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: May 29, 2003

CITY OF ROMULUS, MICHIGAN NOTICE TO ELECTORS

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN:

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3	Romulus Elementary School, 32200 Beverly Road, Romulus, Michigan
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5	Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan
7	Mt. Pleasant School, 39000 Superior, Romulus, Michigan
8	Romulus Elementary School, 32200 Beverly Road, Romulus, Michigan
9	Fire Station #2, 7221 Middlebelt, Romulus, Michigan
10	Cory School, 35200 Smith Road, Romulus, Michigan
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13	Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan
14	Wick School, 36900 Wick Road, Romulus, Michigan
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17	Cory School, 35200 Smith Road, Romulus, Michigan
18	Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan

Public notice is hereby given by the Romulus City Clerk in accordance with Section 380.1002 of the Michigan Election Law, as amended.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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Honored Canton pays tribute at annual ceremony

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The safest place in Canton Township last Thursday, was at the Summit on the Park where Canton's finest gathered for the 17th Annual Police Awards.

The ceremony paid tribute to officers and civilian employees for their heroic contributions to law enforcement and to the welfare of the community, said John Santomauro, director of the Department of Public Safety.

Some of the awards presented were Officer of the Year, Civilian Employee of the Year, the Certificate of Merit and the Certificate of Appreciation.

Other awards included, the Commendation Award, the Good Conduct Award, Special Unit Awards, the Physical Fitness Award, and the Safe Driving Award.

Robert Smedley was honored with the Officer of the Year Award.

For the past three years, Smedley has served the police department as a school resource officer, said Santomauro.

"He has shown great dedication to his position and is recog-

nized for his outstanding service," he said.

As a school resource officer, Smedley has acted as a liaison between the high schools and the police department. Through guest speaking, student counseling and his enforcement efforts, he has contributed to a safe school environment for everyone, according to Santomauro.

Smedley also volunteers his time as a Canton High School football coach becoming a mentor and role model to the students. At the same time he raises a favorable police presence in the community and promotes a positive reflection on the department, Santomauro said.

Smedley is also active in several special units within the police department, including bicycle patrol, evidence technician, honor guard and rapid response.

"Ofc. Smedley's professionalism and dedication to duty make him a valuable asset to the Canton Police Department," said Santomauro.

Smedley was nominated and selected by his peers to receive the award.

"I'm honored and speechless,"



Canton Township honored several police officers and employees at the 17th Annual Police Awards ceremony last Thursday at the Summit on the Park. Here members of the Honor Guard march in during the opening of the award presentations. Ofc. Robert Smedley, named Police Officer of the Year, is a member of the honor guard. He was nominated and selected by his peers to receive the highest award the department offers.

he said. "I didn't do anything that anyone else wouldn't have done."

Smedley was also awarded a Commendation Award for his initiative in investigating a suspicious situation that led to a suspect being arrested and charged with a four-count felony warrant.

The honor guard, of which Smedley is a member, was awarded a Special Unit award. Other members of the unit are Sgt. Richard Pomorski, Det. Chad Baugh and officers Michael

Wells, Eric Kolke, and Erik Kaledas.

Anastacia Reynolds received the Civilian Employee of the Year award for her exceptional service as a system administrator. Reynolds handles the ongoing maintenance of all computer programs in the police and fire departments.

Reynolds was an instrumental in 2002 when the department implemented laptop computers in patrol cars, according to Santomauro. She handled the maintenance and repair of the laptops in

an expedient manner to insure their quick return to service.

"In the delivery of exceptional service, Staci has proven to be a valued asset to the department in her capacity as systems administrator," he said.

Canton Township Supervisor Thomas Yack and State Rep. Philip LeJoy (R-Canton) were in attendance to congratulate all of the recipients for their dedication and accomplishments in law enforcement and public safety.



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Lofty goal

Eagle Scout candidate plans community project

Heather Connor
Staff Writer

Fernando Fitch is going to solve a problem for the Belleville library.

While he's at it, the 17-year-old Belleville High School junior is going to beautify the landscaping around the front door of the facility, adding plants and shrubs.

Fitch, 17, a member of Boy Scout Troop 793 of St. Anthony's Catholic Church, is striving for the rank of Eagle Scout – the highest rank a Boy Scout can achieve. He has designed and is about to implement a plan to build two benches outside of the Fred C. Fischer Library, as well as improve the landscaping of the property.

Librarian Pat Jahr said a scout is required to design and implement a project that demonstrates both leadership and community service to earn the eagle rank. She said Fitch has gone above and beyond everyone's expectations.

"The young man has demon-

strated leadership and the ability to get things done," Jahr said. "We are delighted to say the least."

Jahr said Fitch approached the library with the idea of beginning a community service project. Both Fitch and Jahr came up with the idea to build benches by the front door of the library, as a lack of seating has been an ongoing problem.

"We are looking forward to having a safe and comfortable place for patrons to wait for a ride or for the library to open," Jahr said. "Often we see people sitting on the grass or on cold concrete steps or, even worse, perched on our metal railing. The benches will be a welcome improvement."

Fitch enlisted the help of his uncle, an architect, when he designed the two, 8-foot, double-sided benches, Jahr said. He said he plans to build the benches with the help of his older scout colleagues in July.

Jahr said Fitch didn't want to stop with the benches. He saw



Fernando Fitch, 17, is helping out the Fred C. Fischer Library as he strives to earn the title of Eagle Scout. He plans to build two large benches outside the door of the library, as well as plant flowering shrubs and trees. Fitch invites the public to participate in a benefit car wash for the project from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Van Buren Fire Department.

the need to improve the landscape around the entrance to the library, she said. After consulting Library Director Debra Green and James Ackron, a local nurseryman, Fitch plans to plant oak leaf hydrangea shrubs, a cornus kousa tree, rhododendrons and spirea in the area adjacent to the front door and parking lot. The space was originally a back alley parking area, and does not currently have soil conducive to planting. Fitch plans to replace the soil with peat moss and top-

soil.

Fitch said he hopes to carry out the landscape project with the help of his troop on June 8.

Fitch said he hopes to earn his eagle rank by August. Besides active scouting, Fitch participates in the jazz, symphony and marching bands at the high school as an alto saxophone player. He said he plans to attend either the University of Michigan, Michigan State University or a military academy after graduation. Fitch said he

plans to study astronautic or nuclear engineering or music performance.

Fitch is raising the money for and carrying out his project with the help of family, friends and fellow scouts. A car wash is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Van Buren Fire Department on Fourth Street, across from the library. All donated proceeds from the car wash will go toward the project. In case of rain, the event is scheduled for the same time June 7.

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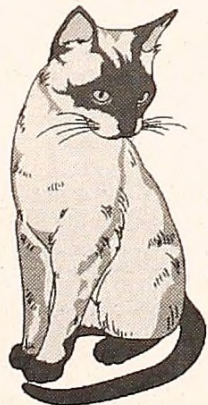
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Van Buren Schools accepting registrations

Heather Connor
Staff Writer

Students living outside the Belleville area who want to attend the public schools now have a chance to obtain a classroom seat for the fall.

Van Buren Board of Education officials announced at the May 12 meeting of the school board that 67 seats are available across the district for non-resident students under the Schools of Choice Program.

The district has the program in accordance with Section 105 of the School Aid Act.

Superintendent Larry Tabor said the application window for parents of students to apply for the program is June 23 through July 11. The application forms are available in the superintendent's office and must be returned by the July 11 deadline, he said.

Tabor said 20 seats are available for kindergarteners, as the count taken after the district kindergarten roundup indicated sufficient capacity to accommodate the additional students.

Tabor said there are five seats available in both first and fourth grades, two seats for both second and fifth grades and three

seats available in third grade.

There are two seats available in sixth grade and four seats available in both seventh and eighth grades between North and South middle schools. Five seats are available in each grade of the high school, he said.

No seats are available for the Gifted and Talented Program at both Tyler Elementary and North Middle School, Tabor said.

Assigning non-resident students to one of the six elementary schools and to either of the two middle schools will provide the needed flexibility to accommodate the students, Tabor said, without having to hire an additional instructor or create a split classroom.

Tabor said that "Schools of Choice" does not override the rule of the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSA) that requires non-resident students to sit out of sports for one semester.

The district may also accept more than 67 non-residents students. If there are more applications than space available the district will use a lottery system for selection, according to Tabor. The district may also refuse to admit a student who has been suspended or expelled in the last two years, he said.

ROMULUS HOUSING COMMISSION NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Romulus Housing Commission.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about June 16, 2003, the City of Romulus will authorize the Romulus Housing Commission to submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of FY 2001, 2002 and 2003 Capital Fund Program (CFP) funds under Title I of the Public Housing Act of 1937, as amended, to undertake projects CFP 2001, 2002 and 2003 for the purpose of performing minor rehabilitation, general property improvements. In addition, the funding can be used for consulting and other service fees.

The following activities are proposed under CFP 2001: Staff & Commissioner training (2,200); Security Program (40,000); Auditing fees (1,800); A&E fees and cost (18,000); Water heaters, Ranges and refrigerators (6,000); Relocation Costs (4,000); Contingency (3,798); Landscaping and Tree Trimming (33,500); Kitchen & hall florescents (4,000) basement stair enclosures (13,900); Bathtub drain gasket Replacement (19,193); 5-year painting cycle (39,900); Smoke/Carbon Monoxide Detectors (12,000). The total CFP Grant being requested is \$199,491.00. The aforementioned activities will occur at the 101 public housing units operated by the Romulus Housing Commission.

The following activities are proposed under CFP 2002: Staff & Commission training (3000); Security Program (40,000); Administration (5,000); A&E fees and costs (20,000); (Rear porch refuge fences (10,869); Concrete walks and driveways (15,000); Paint 25 dwelling unit Interiors (67,500); New mail boxes and posts (8,000); Accordion closet doors (19,700). The total CFP Grant being requested is \$189,069.00. The aforementioned activities will occur at the 101 public housing units operated by the Romulus Housing Commission.

The following activities are proposed under CFP 2003: Staff & Commissioner training (3000); Security Program (40,000); Administration (3,000); A&E fees and costs (20,000); Fence and mowing strip (10,000); Paint 25 dwelling unit interiors (67,500); Accordion closet doors (46,500). The aforementioned activities will occur at the 101 public housing units operated by the Romulus Housing Commission. The CPF Grant being requested is \$189,069.00.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Romulus has determined that the project will have -no significant impact on the human environmental. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) can be examined at the Romulus Housing Commission, 34200 Beverly Road, Romulus, Michigan, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to be examined or copied.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the City of Romulus 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174. All comments received by June 10, 2003 will be considered by the City of Romulus prior to submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Romulus certifies to the Department of Housing and Urban Development that Mayor Alan Lambert in his capacity as mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The Department of Housing and Urban Development acceptance of the certification satisfies its responsibilities and — under NEPA and allow the Romulus Housing Commission to use the Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO-RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Department of Housing and Urban Development will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Romulus certifications for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if it is on one of the following basis: (a) the certification was not executed by the certifying officer of the City of Romulus; (b) The City of Romulus has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) The grant recipient has incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before an approval of a release of funds by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, or (4) another federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objection must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures. (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Grant Administration Office, Office of Public Housing, Patrick V. McNamara Federal Building, 477 Michigan Avenue Detroit, Michigan 48226. Potential objectors should contact the Department of Housing and Urban Development to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Alan Lambert, Mayor
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CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS BID 02/03-69 Mosquito Control Products

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified vendors for the above item.

- (1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids must do so on forms provided by the City. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from Lynn A. Conway, Purchasing Coordinator, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by Emailing: romuluspurchasing@icwww.net
- (2) Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:00pm, Tuesday, June 10, 2003, At that time said bids would be publicly opened and read.

BID ENVELOPES MUST BE ADDRESSED:

CITY OF ROMULUS CLERKS OFFICE
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- (3) The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and proposals and to waive technicalities.

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Northville concert series debuts tomorrow evening

Scott Spielman
Editor

Downtown Northville will soon be filled with the sounds of free music. The popular Clock Concerts, sponsored by the Northville Arts Commission (NAC) get under way tomorrow, according to Ken Naigus, NAC chairperson.

The free concerts take place at 7:30 p.m. every Friday – except July 4 – at the bandshell in downtown Northville.

This year the Northville High School Jazz Ensemble will open the concert series, according to Naigus.

“People like them a whole lot and I like the tradition,” Naigus said. “I like getting the students involved. Their parents come in to town, and it’s always a pretty good crowd.”

The line up is a mixture of old favorites and new acts, according to Naigus. The first new band will appear next week; they’re called The Weepers, a country, bluegrass and swing band.

Other new acts include Little Davy and the Diplomats, an eclectic classic rock band that will perform on July 25 and the Sheila Landis Jazz Trio, who will perform on Aug. 15.

This year, the concert series will be expanded to include some Saturday nights, as well, according to Naigus. He said for several years he has wanted to schedule a second series that would attract a different type of audience and the two Saturday night concerts are an experiment in that area.

“Friday is family fun night, as a rule,” he said. “I really wanted to have another series on Saturday night that was a little harder edged.”

The first of those will be July 26, when the Bugs Beddow band returns. They played the clock concert series last year, and were a big hit with their trombone heavy blues.

Randy Brock, a Texas-style blues singer in the vein of Stevie Ray Vaughn will also take the Saturday night stage later this summer, he said.

Naigus said the choices for bands is becoming more difficult as the concerts increase in notoriety.

“I get demos all the time,” he said. “Most of them are pretty good.” He said it’s a matter of choosing the one he thinks will best fit the audience.

The NAC is in the process of raising funds for additional sculptures for the downtown area, he said.

This year, they’ll be selling gold and platinum membership sponsorships to help fund the program.

Last year, they dedicated the first downtown sculpture, a large bronze work that decorates the band shell plaza. Other sculptures probably won’t be so large he said.

This year he said he’ll continue to provide entertainment for children, as well. A huge bucket of gigantic crayons will be available for children to use to draw on the sidewalks.

“It gives us some sidewalk art, and it washes away with the next rain,” he said.

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL
HELD MAY 5, 2003 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
ROMULUS CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD,
ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear

Present: LeRoy D. Burcroff, William A. Crova, Randolph Gear, Charles Miller,
Michael Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth
Absent: None
Excused: None

Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Alan Lambert, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
Pamela Kersey, CMFA, Treasurer

1. Motion by Romak, supported by Wadsworth to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-183

2A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff approve the minutes of the regu-
lar meeting of the Romulus City Council held April 28, 2003.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-184

3A Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to grant a No Fee Permit to
Community United Methodist Church, 11160 Olive for their Garage Sale to be held
June 15-17, 2003.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Carried Unanimously.

03-185

4A. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to recognize and commend Animal
Control Officer Kim Matthews as only the fourth woman in history to have earned the
title of Commander of the Wyandotte Power Squadron.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Romak to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-186

5A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to introduce Budget Amendment
02/03-35 as follows:

FUND/DEPT.	ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDED AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
General Fund					
Expenditures					
	101-3110-731.74-90	302 - Police Training	10,500	7,882	18,382
Reserve					
	302 - Police Training Grant				
	101-0000-302.10.04		7,882	(7,882)	0

To relieve the reserve for 302 Police training grant to allow for expenditures through
June 30, 2003.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-187

5B. Motion by Romak, supported by Prybyla to introduce Budget Amendment
02/03-36 as follows:

FUND/DEPT.	ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDED AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
General Fund - Elections					
Expenditures:					
	101-1320-713.73-03	Election Supplies	7,000	12,000	19,000
	101-1320-713.73-06	Postage	2,000	2,537	4,537
	101-1320-713.77-30	Contractual Services	17,000	9,650	26,650
Fund Balance					
Undesignated:					
General Fund			321,772	(24,187)	297,585

To appropriate additional funds to cover deficit amount in contractual services for
paying election works, to cover the deficit in election supplies and for additional sup-
plies thru June 30, 2003.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-188

5C. Motion by Miller, supported by Wadsworth to introduce Budget Amendment
02/03-37 as follows:

FUND/DEPT.	ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDED AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
General Fund - Drains at Large					
Expenditures					
	101-4120-741.74-75	Drain Maintenance	0	10,000	10,000
Fund Balance					
Undesignated:					
General Fund			297,585	(10,000)	287,585

To appropriate additional funds for the reduction and possible prevention of the West
Nile Virus by treating the catch basins within the City.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-189

5D. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Romak to award Bid 02/03-59 for one (1) ½
Ton Pickup Truck to the only bidder, Wink Chevrolet in the amount of \$23,4289.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-190

5E. Motion by Crova, supported by Miller to award Bid 02/03-60 for three (3)
Motorola Hand Held Radios for the D.P.W. to the lowest qualified bidder, Mobile
Communications Sales, Inc. in the amount of \$1,782.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-191

5F. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to award Bid 02/03-61 for
Ammunition for the Romulus Police Department to CMP Distributors on a per case
pricing basis as outlined in the bid.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-192

5G1. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to reject Bid 02/03-62 Covert Micro
VCR for the Romulus Police Department because no bids were received.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-193

5G2. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Crova to grant authorization to purchase
Covert Micro VCR for the Romulus Police Department from Supercircuits, Inc. at a
cost of \$819.95.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-194

5H. Motion by Miller, supported by Wadsworth to award Bid 02/03-63 for fifty
(50) Gas Masks for the Romulus Police Department to CMP Distributors in the
amount of \$7,662.50.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-195

5I. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Miller to award Bid 02/03-64 for the
Printing and mailing Service Contract for Utility Billing to Centron Data Services for
a one year contract with the option of extending the bid for additional years.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

SPORTS



The Salem Rocks and the Canton Chiefs may meet again in the post season. As of press time Tuesday, they were poised to meet each tonight in a district rematch.

Salem edges Canton for championship

Scott Spielman
Editor

The Salem Rocks scored early and held on last Wednesday when they took on their cross-campus rivals in the Western Lakes Activities Association (WLAA) championship match. They beat the Chiefs 3-2 to earn their first WLAA crown since 1987.

"That's okay, we'll probably see them again on Thursday," said Canton Coach Don Smith.

Jordan Falcusan put the Rocks on the

board about five minutes into the game. She took a pass from Marissa Sarkesian and made it good to give the Rocks a 1-0 lead.

Amy Gizicki added another for the Rocks with less than 20 minutes to go in the first half. She took a pass from Falcusan and sent it to the net, but Chief goalie Briana Wolcott blocked the initial shot. Gizicki was there for her own rebound, though, and made it good for the 2-0 lead.

Smith said the Chiefs were hampered by

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Chiefs claim conference, prepare for state finals

Scott Spielman
Editor

The Canton Chiefs track team was a last minute entry into the team state championships on Saturday, according to Coach Bob Richardson.

He said he got the call Thursday morning that his team would join nine regional winners at the event that took place at Eastern Michigan University.

After a quick call to his athletic director, he said he was more than happy to take part.

"It was a rush job, let me tell you, but we made it and we were honored to be representing our school," Richardson said.

The Chiefs finished in fifth place at the 10-team event, which featured some of the top talent from throughout the state. They last time they went there, in 2000, they won it with 1,100 points. This time they scored 595, which put them behind Saline High School. Milford won it with 963.5 points, Rockford took second with 869, then Belleville with 727, East Kentwood with 716, East Lansing with 665 and Saline with 627.5.

Bryan Frawley took tenth place in the shot put (42 feet, 8.25 inches). Brad Waidmann took fifth in the high jump with a six-foot leap. Dan Driscoll was tenth in the long jump (19 feet, 25 inches) and sixth in the pole vault (12 feet, 3

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It was a rush job, let me tell you, but we made it and we were honored to be representing our school.

Coach Bob Richardson

inches).

The 3,200-meter relay team finished in ninth place (8:48.4) with Phaltiel Whitlock, Al Lanning, Cyrus Azizi and Ray Eisbrenner running for the Chiefs.

Steve Kiljanczyk took third place in the 110-meter hurdles (15.3) and Waidmann finished in sixth place (15.6). Kiljanczyk also finished in third place in the 300-meter hurdles (42.0).

Devin Thomas finished in seventh place in the 100-meter dash (11.4). He also anchored the 800-meter relay team that took fourth place (131.5). Andy Rossow started for the Chiefs, then came Brandon Reeves and Jesse Williams.

The 400-meter relay team of Driscoll, Reeves, Thomas and Corey Walser took third place (43.8).

Thomas took fourth place in the 200-meter hurdles (22.8) and Rossow finished in tenth (23.3). Lanning was

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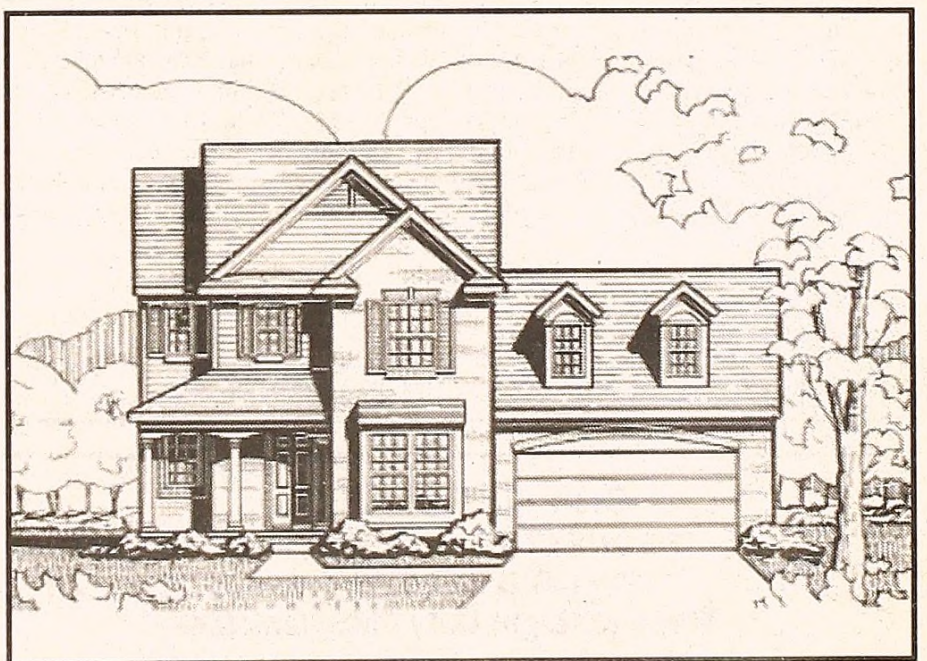
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Scott Spielman
Editor

The Belleville Tigers men's track and field team continued their dominance last week with a strong performance at the state team championships.

The Tigers, who won their region the week before, finished in third place at the 10-team event, according to Coach George Devore. They earned their place there with their first regional win since 1996, he said. It was the first time the Tigers went to the meet in its six-year history.

"It was a total team effort on Saturday," he said. "It was definitely a great thing for this team."

Milford won the event with 963.5 points. Rockford took second with 869 and Belleville finished with 727. Canton, the only other western Wayne County team there, finished in fifth place with 595 points.

Evan Walker broke the school record when he won the long jump with a 21-foot, 10-inch leap. Julius Willis also recorded a personal best in that event with a 20-foot, 25-inch leap, according to Devore.

"That helped us a lot," he said.

Cory Klein took second in the 400-meter (51.28). Walker took second place in the high jump with a six-foot, two-inch leap.

Dave Chudzinski took second place in the 300-meter hurdles (40.02) and John

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Coach George Devore

Clayborne took sixth there (40.99), a personal best for him. Ed Goree also finished the event with a personal best time. His 41.2 was good for eighth place.

"He did real well," Devore said.

JeJuan Crawford was strong in the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes, as well. He took fifth in the 100-meter (11.5) and third in the 200-meter (22.94).

James Erickson finished in fourth place in the 3,200-meter run (9:49.4)

Derrick Williams had a career best 54-foot, 9.5-inch hurl in the shot put, which gave him fourth place.

The Tigers finished in second place in the 1,600-meter relay, too. It was Walker, Chudzinski, Klein and Clayborne who combined for the 3:26.71.

The 800-meter relay finished in third place with Crawford, Walker, Willis and Isaac Kindell working together for the 1:31.06.

"We had a great day," Devore

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Big Crowd

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

Pursuant to and by authority conferred upon me by the Secretary of State by Section 794C of Act No. 116 of the Public Act of 1954, as amended, notice is hereby given that a Public Accuracy Test shall be conducted by the Election Commission of the City of Romulus at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 4, 2003 in the City Clerk's Office, 11111 South Wayne Road, for the purpose of certifying the programs to be used in the counting devices which will be utilized to process Absentee Ballots in the June 9, 2003 Annual School Election. Said Meeting is open to the public and any concerned citizen may attend.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS BID 02/03-70

Three (3) Light Duty EMS Vehicles

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified vendors for the above item.

- (1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids must do so on forms provided by the City. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from Lynn A. Conway, Purchasing Coordinator, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by Emailing: romuluspurchasing@icjwww.net

- (2) Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:00, Tuesday, June 10, 2003. At that time said bids would be publicly opened and read.

BID ENVELOPES MUST BE ADDRESSED:

CITY OF ROMULUS CLERK'S OFFICE
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Romulus, Michigan

- (3) The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and proposals and to waive technicalities,

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MEETING MINUTES FROM PAGE 12

03-196

6A1. Motion by Crova, supported by Romak to approve the second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendment 02/03-31,32,33,34 introduced at the meeting of April 28, 2003.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Councilman Wadsworth excused at 8:15 p.m.

03-197

6A2. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to authorize elected officials to attend the Michigan Municipal League Annual Conference to be held in Detroit on September 16-19, 2003.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-198

6A3. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to authorize the storage of certain records, that are not required to be kept as permanent records according to the State of Michigan Retention and Disposal Schedule, at the Romulus Historical Museum. The records will be available upon request at anytime necessary. The record books as listed are: Treasurers Account Books 1919 to 1946; Clerks Account Books 1920-1946; Assessment Rolls 1897, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1905-14; 1916-1931; 1934-1939; Register of Men and Women Voters 1919-1936.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-199

6A4. Motion by Romak, supported by Miller to adopt a Weed Cutting Administrative Fee of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) per parcel, per cut.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

8A. No action taken.

11. Motion by Romak, supported by Miller to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held May 5, 2003.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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Salem Goalie Heather Jones turned aside a flurry of Canton shots late in the game to seal the 3-2 victory last week.



Soccer - Rivals may meet tonight for rematch

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the loss of Katie Raker, who broke her leg with about 90 seconds left to go in the match against Livonia Stevenson.

"I was doing some juggling in the line up," he said. "We're still trying to fill that spot. People were playing in unfamiliar spots, but we've settled down a bit. We just needed to get a couple of games under our belts."

Rachel Perry scored her first of two on the day to get the Chiefs within striking distance, 2-1.

Erica Ahrens sent her a pass with about five minutes left in the first half and Perry made it good.

But Salem came right back in the second half when Kelly Lepper and Sarkesian hooked up about 11 minutes into it to give the Rocks a 3-1 lead.

The Chiefs started to rally, though. They had one goal called back and other shots went just wide before Perry found the goal

again. This one came with an assist from Christie Davids, according to Smith, and made it a one-goal game with about 10 minutes left to play.

Heather Jones proved too tough for Canton in the end and made the lead stand up.

"We had quite a few chances at the end," Smith said.

The Chiefs are 11-3-2 on the year and the Rocks are 14-1-2 overall. Salem took a bye in the first round of districts and Canton faced off against Wayne Memorial Tuesday night. The outcome of that game wasn't known at press time, but Smith said he liked his chances against the Zebras, who are new to the league.

If they were victorious then, they'll face Salem in a rematch tonight at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park (PCEP).

Each team has a victory over the other this year, and the winner of the game tonight will play for the district championship tomorrow.

Track - Canton runners smash school records

FROM PAGE 13

strong in the 3,200-meter run; he finished it in 10:20.1, good for ninth place.

The Chiefs finished the 1,600-meter relay with their season-best time of 3:27.8, which gave them fourth place in that event. It was Rossow, Shane Azizi, Jesse Williams and Brian Soash who ran for Canton.

The strong showing at the team state finals came on the heels of a victory Wednesday at the conference meet, according to Richardson. The Chiefs scored 131.5 points to take the top honors there.

"It's been a big eight days," Richardson said.

Northville took sixth place with 86 points and Salem was seventh with 67. John Glenn took eighth with 45 points and Wayne Memorial finished in ninth with 29.5.

The Chiefs broke three school records in the victory, according to Richardson.

"It was a big day," he said. "These kids were flying."

Driscoll took second place in the pole vault (12 feet, six inches). Waidmann took second in the high jump (six feet, two inches) and Matt McClellan took sixth place (five feet, eight inches). Waidmann also took fifth in the discus (127 feet, 10 inches). Frawley took seventh in the shot put (44 feet).

The 3,200 relay team finished in seventh place, with Whitlock, Lanning, Cyrus Azizi and Eisbrenner combining for the 9:04.

Kiljanczyk set a new school record in the 110-meter hurdles (14.7), good for second place.

Thomas broke the school record in the 100-meter dash (10.4), which gave him sec-

ond place. Walser set the mark last year at 10.9, and he broke it as well. He ran a 10.7 which gave him fourth place.

The Chiefs took first place - and the conference championship - in the 800-meter and the 400-meter relay events. Rossow, Reeves, Waler and Thomas finished the 800-meter with 1:32.9. Driscoll, Reeves, Thomas and Walser finished the 400-meter in 44.0.

Soash took second place in the 400-meter (52.2). Kiljanczyk finished the 300-meter hurdles with a season best time of 41.4, good for third place.

Thomas broke another school record in the 200-meter dash. The record, set last year by Walser, was 22.6 seconds. Walser broke that one earlier this year

with a 22.4. Wednesday he even topped that with a 21.9, which gave him first place in that event. Rossow, a freshman, also broke the old school record. His 22.6 finish gave him fourth place.

The 1,600-meter relay team also finished in first place (3:28.7). It was Rossow, Shane Azizi, Williams and Soash who ran for Canton.

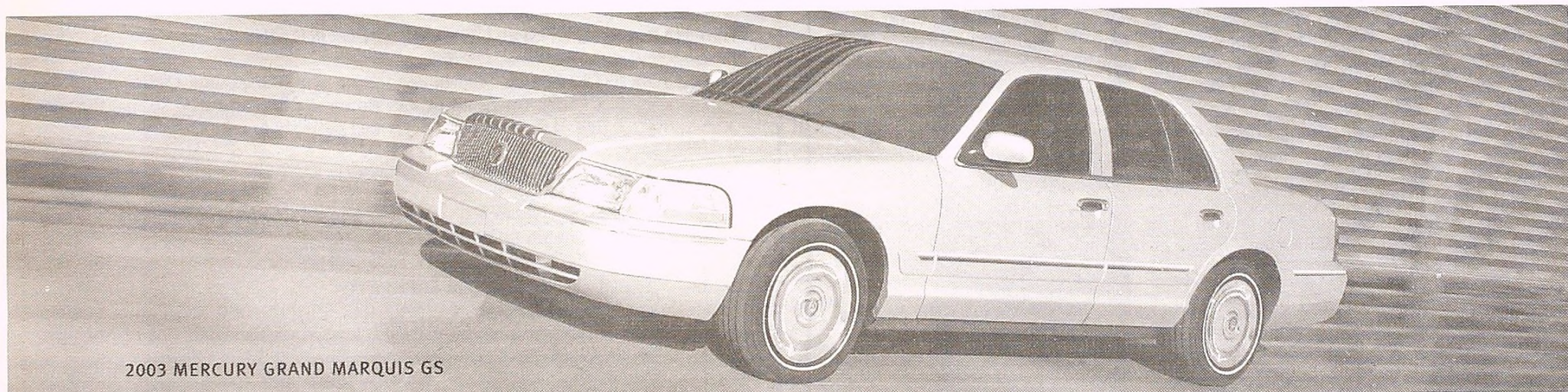
The Chiefs were invited to the Ann Arbor Meet of Champions Tuesday, but the outcome of that wasn't known at press time. They'll have someone in virtually every event there, though, Richardson said.

"It's like a mini-state meet," he said. "It's a really exciting day."

The Chiefs will send 10 athletes to the state finals on Saturday, as well, in a season in which they went a perfect 7-0 in dual meets, finished second in the regional and first in the conference.

"We've had a good season," Richardson said.

**It was a big day.
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Inkster Vikings head into district playoffs

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Inkster Vikings softball team forfeited their game versus Dearborn Fordson, May 21, due to some bizarre events.

A girl's high school softball team is required to have nine players on the field in order to play a game, according to Inkster coach Ron Bailey. At game time, 4:00 p.m., the Vikings only had eight players on the field with the ninth in the locker room changing.

The Fordson coach called for the Vikings to forfeit, according to Bailey.

"It was four-o-seven and my ninth girl was sprinting from the locker room to the field," he said. "By twenty-five after four the Fordson coach had his team on the bus, ready to leave."

The umpire said he would let the game be played, said Bailey, but the Fordson coach said he would have to protest.

"I felt I should give him the win if he needed it that bad," he said. Bailey and his team did forfeit.

Baily said he and his team have often waited for opposing teams to show up, even after game time began. He and the team even helped push an opposing team's bus out of the mud in order for them to play, he said.

"What about the competitive nature we're trying to form for the kids," he said. "Let the kids play."

The team did play the next day, May 22, against Willow Run. The Vikings lost 11-7.

"We'll be all right," said Bailey, "We're a young team. We'll be fine."

Carina Easily went 3-3 in the game, hitting a triple in the first inning. She also had two doubles, one in the third and the other in the fifth inning. She had three RBIs in the game.

Toni Robertson, first base, made spectacular defensive plays, according to Bailey. "She had the crowd shaking their heads," he said.

Both Easily and Robertson were both named to the All-Mega League team.

Districts, for the Vikings, will be played on Saturday May 31.

Track - Tigers take full bus to Grand Rapids for states

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said. "Many of these were our best performances all year. It tests how deep you are. You've got that have two or three kids that can score in several events."

The individual state finals take place Saturday in Grand Rapids and the Tigers will send a nearly full bus to that event, Devore said. Walker will compete in the

high jump and long jump, Chudzinski will take on both hurdle events and Goree will compete in the 110-meter hurdles. Klein will compete in the 800-meter and Erickson will compete in the 3,200-meter run. The 400-meter relay team and the 1,600-meter relay team will also compete, Devore said.

"We should be able to make some noise up there, too," he said.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ORDINANCE 05-20-03 (2)

First reading of Ordinance 05-20-03 (2). Second reading for adoption will be held at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to be held at 7:30 p.m. on June 3, 2003 in the Board Room, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111.

The Charter Township of Van Buren ordains:

That the Code of Ordinances, Charter Township of Van Buren, Michigan, is hereby amended by adding a section, Additional Bail Bond Money which section shall read as follows:

- (1) The Department of Public Safety which obtains bail or bond money from or on behalf of a person arrested pursuant to a warrant issued by a court shall collect, in addition to the bail or bond money, an amount not more than \$10.00 from the person arrested or from another person on behalf of the person arrested.
- (2) The amount of money collected under subsection (1) shall promptly be deposited into an account created for that purpose in the treasury of the Township.
- (3) The money in the account created under subsection (2) may be expended by the Township to defray the expense of receiving, depositing, and delivering bail or bond money.
- (4) Every word, sentence, clause and provision of this section is hereby declared to be severable, and if any word, sentence, clause, provision or part thereof is declared to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provision shall not be affected.
- (5) The provisions of any or all code sections or subparts thereof in conflict herewith are repealed only to the extent necessary to give this section full force and effect.
- (6) The provisions of this section shall become effective upon its passage by the Van Buren Charter Township Board of Trustees and upon publication in accordance with the statutes of the State of Michigan.

Effective Date: This ordinance shall be effective upon publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township.

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting called and held on _____ day of _____, 2003.

Yeas: King, Budd, Hart, Jahr and Rochowiak.
Nays: None.
Absent: Payne and Herman.

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance.

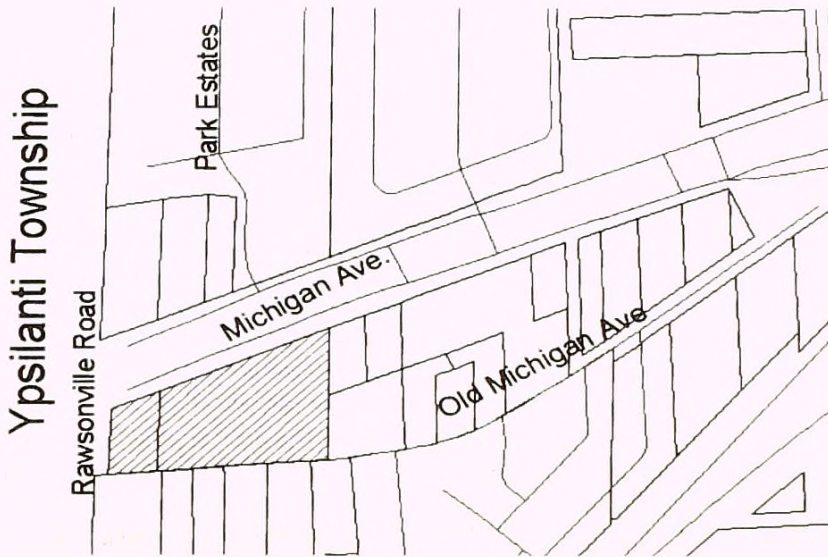
Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ORDINANCE 05-20-03(1) PROPOSED REZONING MAP

First Reading of Ordinance 05-20-03, Second reading for adoption will be held at the 7:30 p.m. regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on Tuesday, June 3, 2003 to be held in the Board Room, in the Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111.



AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ZONING ORDINANCE 6-6-92, AS AMENDED, OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ORDAINS:

Section 1. The Zoning Map in connection with the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Van Buren shall be amended so that the zoning of the following described property to wit:

Ordinance Number 05-20-03(2)

To rezone parcel numbers: V125-83-022-99-0011-000 and V125-83-022-99-0010-000.

Legal Description of Property:

Parcel number V125-83-022-99-0011-000 and Parcel number V125-83-022-99-0010-000, located on the south side of Michigan Avenue between Rawsonville Road and Main Street.

Section 2. All Ordinances and parts of Ordinance in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption and publication.

Section 4. This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2003.

Yeas: King, Budd, Hart, Jahr and Rochowiak.
Nays: None.
Absent: Payne and Herman.

This Ordinance shall be immediately recorded by the Township Clerk in the Township Ordinance Book as soon as it is adopted, which record shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Supervisor and Clerk and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township within ten (10) days after its passage.

I hereby certify that Ordinance 05-20-03(1) was published in the Belleville Enterprise, a newspaper circulating within the Charter Township of Van Buren.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

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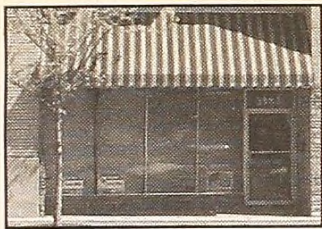
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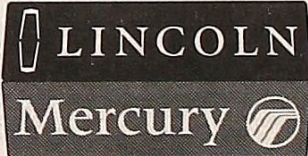
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